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Flag Stamp Collectors Worried Over How To Dissect Their Sheets

B. G. McConnell of Bartlesville, Oklahoma writes that he has been interested in building a small specialized collection of the flag stamps and wonders how to go about it in preserving corner blocks of four with the imprint and at the same time "T" register marked blocks of six. He points out that in some of the sheets both these blocks can not be had from the same sheet and states that he is puzzled as to how to go about it.

Mr. McConnell is of course right in that both blocks can not be obtained from the same sheet. Collectors who want to make a collection of the right kind will have to take blocks from two different sheets in several instances in order to get both the corner block as well as the register marked block of six.

It must be first understood that if you want to collect these stamps in a specialized way that you should do it in the generally accepted manner so that when your stamps are up for sale at any future date they will command the best price.

Where plate numbers come in the corners of the sheet as do the names on these sheets a block of four is the acceptable and preferred piece. A single is saved by some and this form of plate number collecting is on the increase for it gives one all the necessary information, a visible and actual record of plates issued and that is the sole object of any plate number collector. One number from any plate while others attempt to get all number positions from every plate. You can suit yourself in this manner.

Where the plate numbers are at the sides of the sheets, blocks of six should be kept with the numbers collection. Some collectors keep on the center stamp. Singles with the number are also collected but any block of four with number is undesirable and not readily marketable. If you save them, save them right.

Now as for the Flag stamps, these plate marks of the name equivalent to the number are corner blocks, thus you want four or a single. Some collect the entire top block of ten stamps, others take the plate number and the T mark in a block of six where the T mark comes at the top. To match up a collection like this with the other plate blocks is impossible for all do not come this way and my suggestion would be that you save the corner block of four and the T marked block of six. This means pieces from two sheets in all cases where the mark "T" is at top. When the T is at bottom, one sheet will give you both pieces.

The Poland comes with T mark at both top or bottom of sheets so that you get an extra T block in this stamp. The Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, Belgium, Greece and Albania come with the T mark at top only and the Norway, Netherlands, France, Yugoslavia and Austria with the T at bottom only. As for the Denmark, I have copies with the T at top but if the schedule of printing was carried out as planned, this latter stamp should also come with T mark at bottom. If any collector has this stamp with T at bottom, please advise the publishers, all we have seen thus far are tops.

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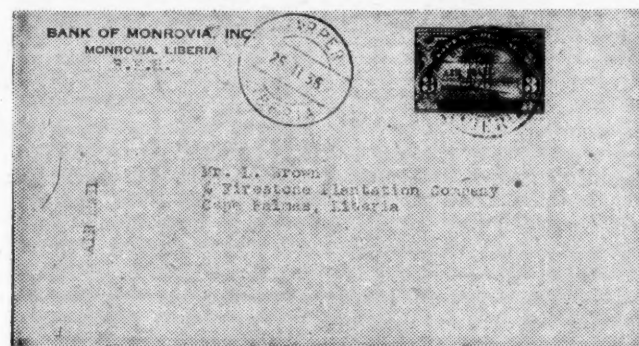
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LAUNCHING COVERS

Collectors interested in covers for the launchings of the many new Destroyers of our Navy should get the new list of such covers recently issued by Harvey Dolin and Co., 31 Park Row, N. Y.

American Legion Rocket Stamp To Be Listed In Sanabria Catalogue

We are advised by Mr. George Wentz of San Marcos, Texas that the Rocket Stamps used at McAllen Texas, for experimental rocket mail flights across the Rio Grande River and sponsored by the American Legion Post in that town, will be listed in the new Sanabria Air Mail Catalogue.

Two weeks ago we referred to proposed plans for rocket mail that are to be placed before Postmaster General Walker, and such plans are not beyond adoption at some future date. Many experiments have been made with rocket mail, but all have been failures in that the method would not be practical for general handling of mail. The new plans as proposed by Mr. Walter Bowes of the Pitney-Bowes Company, manufacturers of the meter mail machines, are on such an elaborate scale that their eventual adoption is not beyond the possibilities.

Should we have a rocket mail system, all the early experimental Rocket flight stamps which have been used in many countries of Europe, in Australia and here in Texas will be much sought after as the forerunners of this mail system. We do not find other rocket stamps listed by Sanabria but we do believe that some of these issues are more worthy of listing than some things that are in this catalogue.

We are advised that these stamps will be priced by Sanabria at \$2.00 for unused singles; \$8.00 for unused sheet of four; \$10.00 for a cover, U. S. to Mexico and \$12.50 for a cover, Mexico to U. S. Covers marked "Damaged by Rocket Explosion" will be listed at \$80.00.

The only known used stamps are on cover. These covers also bear either U. S. or Mexico air mail stamps in addition. There were 1000 sheets of four printed for both flights. There were 1072 covers on the rocket flights from U. S. to Mexico and 922 covers on the Mexico to U. S. rockets. Fifty-one covers are known with the "Damaged by Rocket Explosion" markings.

February 12th Auction in Philadelphia

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Part II: Mint Stamps of the World

All the standard rarities including U. S. Graf Zeppelin set in blocks of four; Canada 1928 Imperforate and part perforated pairs; Columbia 1919-2c mint; Finland 1930 Zeppelin "1930" error in block of nine; France, Ile de France; Iceland 1933; Mexico 1934 University; 1925 Postal Congress; Newfoundland record copy of mint Hawker; De Finedo and Columbia each on a cover; 1931 issue in part perforated pairs; Philippines set up to 10 pesos, both colors of 16c Sampson and perforated 12-26c; Sweden both crown watermarks. Catalogue free on application.

EUGENE KLEIN
212 S. 13th Street Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Lee H. Cornell Finds Flag Stamp Of Austria With Name Doubled

Again a reader of Linn's Weekly Stamp News scores a find in some of the Austrian Flag Stamps in which the word AUSTRIA below the flag is double printed. These were found by Mr. Lee H. Cornell, prominent specialist in Kicking Mule cancels and a noted specialist in the Dom Pedro heads of Brazil.

Mr. Cornell has some duplicate copies of these stamps and will trade for any other doubles of other countries, address him at 1420 Garland Avenue, Wichita, Kansas.

This is the second find reported of Austrian doubles since a previous find was made in Indianapolis, Indiana.

We recently had a report of a find of the Yugoslav stamp in which all of the black of the flag, including the flag staff, the outline and the shading in the flag is double printed. We have not yet seen this item but this is the first real double found other than those stamps with name of country doubled and we again urge collectors to watch every color on all these stamps for the printing method is one in which it is entirely possible that an "c" of the colors other than the border design may readily show in double print.

Another variety recently called to our attention is one in which the flag is said to be tilted or tipped and not in normal straight position. We have not seen this variety so can not vouch for it but we do hope to see it since we learn that it came from our own Sidney postoffice and is in the hands of a collector in a small town nearby.

New 1944 Cover Guide Now Ready

Definitions of terms used in collecting all kinds of covers, are given in the 1944 "Cover Collecting Guide," just issued. Included among the terms are trade names of current styles of envelopes used for first day covers, with a description of each, and date of earliest first day event for which it was used.

References are made throughout the glossary, to previous "Cover Collecting Guides," providing an index to all issues of these annual reference handbooks.

The 1944 Guide is the sixth booklet in the series. It is published by The Cover Exchange, Box 733, Scranton, Penna., and is sent to cover collectors enrolled in that organization.

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Liberia Airmail Cover With Letter Of Same Date Gives Further Proof Of Authenticity Of Once Doubled Issue

For many months after the issue of the first Liberian Air Mail stamps, their authenticity was questioned. This is but natural when we consider the previous history of Liberian postal issues.

Liberia's first use of air mail was in February 1936. The flight was made with a small plane, a Waco plane which is made at Troy, Ohio. These planes were the only ones in Liberia and were planes of the Firestone Plantations Company, a subsidiary of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio. The Firestone Company maintained a large plantation in Liberia for the production of growth of rubber

In The Army Now



From Mr. Milo D. Snyder a Postal Clerk at Akron, Ohio, comes a photo of Robert R. (Bob) Richardson, an Akron, Ohio, boy who before the war was with Linn's Weekly Stamp News at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Snyder gives but meagre information although we understand Bob is a Sergeant now and somewhere in Iran and the photo indicates that the service must be agreeing with him for he looks to be in good shape.

Believe it or not, says Mr. Snyder, the man by his side is a mailman so we can be certain that Bob is still more interested in the "mail" than the female, although we presume he has slipped a bit by this time and does take an interest in V-Mail.

Prior to the war one of his specialties was stamps of Turkey but when he returns we expect to see him searching dealers shops for those gold and silver plated Persian stamps, if he does not bring home complete sets on cover.

types in communication between their various offices.

The Sanabria Air Mail catalog states that the stamps were used on a flight February 18 from Monrovia to Harper, a distance of 322 miles. It is stated that approximately 4,000 letters were carried, the majority of course being without the specially prepared air mail stamps which consisted of three values made by surcharging current stamps. These are listed by Scott also. The Sanabria catalog states that 20 sheets of each of three values were overprinted. These sheets were sheets of 50 stamps each, thus making 1000 copies of each of the stamps, a total of 3000 stamps.

The Sanabria catalogue as stated above, claims that of the 4000 letters sent, most were without the special stamps and then goes on to say that the Firestone Company who made the flight possible, claim that all the stamps overprinted were used for postage, but it is understood that unused copies were distributed among the officials of the company and that if any remained unused after the flight, it is assumed they were sold to collectors.

All these statements and the catalogue listing of these stamps are questionable.

First, the stamps were said to be 3000 in number. It is stated that most of them were used on covers, yet at the same time it is stated that most of the four

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The progressive and stable stamp dealers fully recognize and realize that weekly stamp papers build and create interest in stamps and stamp collecting and that their support by the dealer is essential if the stamp trade is to continue to prosper as it has in the past.

In these troublous times, we must all be appreciative of the fact that we, here in America have been blessed by a freedom unequalled in all the world, we are entitled to celebrate on every occasion and we invite you to help us in the celebration of this event in our effort and endeavor to promote interest in the greatest hobby in all the world.

Your announcements in this number will go to almost 15,000 live active stamp collectors, at a period when stamp collecting interest is at its height. While our deadline for copy for this 800th number is Thursday, February 24, we can assure you that if your copy is placed earlier that we will appreciate it very much and that this will enable us to give better preparation to such copy. If you plan copy for this issue, ask for our current rate card, more space for less money to more collectors for your dollar, than in any other stamp publication in the world.

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Famous Red Cross Stamp Collection At Red Cross Exhibition

Of particular interest to the
philatelic world is the announce-
ment that the famed Red Cross
stamp collection of Joseph Luc-
careni will be the feature of the
forthcoming Red Cross exhibition
which is slated to be held Feb-
ruary 15 to March 15 at the State
Exposition building in Los An-
geles.

A veteran of World War I, Luc-
careni has spent many years and
a great deal of his time towards
making his collection of Red Cross
stamps the finest in the world, an
artist of local renown, he has em-
ployed his talents in mounting and
arranging the stamps in such an
artistic manner to have gained for
him the plaudits of all who have
seen the collection.

The noted collector first became
interested in this work when, as
a soldier, he was convalescing in
a hospital and came into contact
with Red Cross work. Then fol-
lowed long years of hunting down
Red Cross stamps from all parts
of the world. By personal contact
and by corresponding with per-
sons all over the globe, Luccareni
created his monumental collection.

Stamp collectors desiring fur-
ther information about Luccareni,
his historical collection or the Red
Cross Exhibition may obtain it
by writing him in care of the Los
Angeles American Red Cross
chapter, 1200 South Vermont av-
enue, Los Angeles 6, California.

Precancel Roundup In New York City April 21, 22, 23

The New York Precancel Stamp
Club has the real pleasure of an-
nouncing that the annual East-
ern Precancel Roundup will be
held this spring as in previous
years. The dates set are Friday
evening through Sunday, April
21-22-23. The place is the Corn-
ish Arms Hotel, 211 West 23rd
street, as in previous years.

The Roundup will again be a
strictly informal gathering, with-
out programmed events to disturb
the stamp activities. The Friday
session will be held in connection
with the regular semi-monthly
meeting of the host club. For Sat-
urday and Sunday the same large
12th floor room as previously
used, will be the headquarters.
Tables for dealers will be avail-
able, at a slightly increased
charge owing to greatly increased
cost of room hire this year.

The hotel management requests
that reservations be made very
early. Reservations cannot be
guaranteed; but the management
will be able to secure a room for
everyone, by arrangement with
other associated hotels within five
to eight minutes walking distance.

This annual swapfest promises
to be as enjoyable as in former
years. The dates have been
chosen so as to avoid conflict with
the Easter furlough travel of men
in the armed forces.

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ALONG THE CANYON

— By JACK GOLDSTEIN —

John Block, president of John
Block and Co. Inc., with Mrs.
Block have gone to Mexico city on
a business and pleasure trip. Mr.
Block is associated as member of
the Stamp Dealer's Bourse and a
specialist in the handling of Im-
port Traffic of Postage Stamps for
most of the dealers locally as well
as out of town. Harry Fridberg,
his assistant will be in complete
charge of the office while Mr.
Block is away and is well qual-
ified to handle important custom
house matters. They have been in
business for the past quarter of
of a century.

Stanley Gibbons' 2nd edition
price list is out. Haven't had much
chance to review price changes,
but keep your eyes peeled on the
19th century items.

Al Leavitt is now in 4F and
will carry on with his extensive
British Colonial business.

Jim Schoenbach is on the road
again and heard from him in Min-
neapolis where he saw N. O. Sul-
livan at his stamp shop. Reports
excellent business and good
traveling.

Harry Gross working hard with
Chairman Louis Horowitz of the
Flatbush Philatelic club on the an-
nual get together dinner. If the
boys are "flushed" they may take
it to Billy Rose's Diamond Horse-
shoe or the Copacabana, otherwise
it will be the usual coffee and cake
at the local cafeteria. The boys still
remember the nice time they had
last year at Zimmerman's, par-
ticularly Ed Elkins and Jake Glas-
er. Lt. Harold Fredberg in for a
short furlough, was at the last
meeting, he may be overseas by
now. He put on a lot of weight
and looks like a wrestler, big,
strong and solid. Army life did him
a world of good.

Besides being in the stamp bus-
iness, Tom Whitbread has other
hobbies too, raising rabbits and
chickens. You ought to see his
place at West Cummington.

Individual Free Stamp Created By Soldier In Service Overseas

One of the faults of most of the
current Patriotic envelopes when
used by men in the service is that
there is insufficient room for them
to write the lengthy names and
addresses that are required on
the Free Mail covers.

It remained for Sgt. Chester O.
Bedell with the Air Forces to
create a Free Label which is both
practical and unique, and which
embodies his complete address,
thus saving time and filling the
requirement, so that the labels
may be used on patriotic covers
which allow no space for names
and addresses.

Sgt. Bedell has had printed
some small labels about 1 1/2 x 1 1/4
inches with a rule line border and
uses these labels to place where
the stamp would go and then
writes a cross them the single
word "Free" to fill the necessary
requirements.

HIS NAME
HIS NUMBER

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We attempt to illustrate this un-
usual label and it would seem a
very proper form which might be
supplied by men in the service
in place of postage stamps as it
certainly provides the necessary
and required address and in a
manner that practically makes the
label a "Free Stamp." We omit
name and some other facts since it
is objectionable to print such ad-
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FURTHER PROOF GIVEN OF LIBERIAN COVER

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thousand letters said to have been
carried were without stamps, so
how can we reconcile such a
statement, for if 3000 stamps
were issued and most used on
4000 letters it would seem that
most of the 4000 letters must have
borne stamps.

The Sanabria catalogue does
not price these stamps used on
cover, yet it does list them un-
used and used and gives a high-
er price to the unused than the
used copy which should indicate
that most all of the known used
copies are copies that have been
removed from covers. This then
should indicate that a copy used
on cover is a very rare item and
almost unknown to the publishers
of the Sanabria catalogue.

It is for this reason that we il-
lustrate this week a cover bear-
ing one of these stamps and
print some parts of a letter that
came to the gentleman who now
owns the cover, and which cer-
tainly authenticates both the is-
sue and the cover. Although is-
sued in February 1936 it was not
until October 1937 that the Scott
Catalogue recognized these
stamps as legitimate.

For the background for this
story we are indebted to Mr. Lor-
ren Brown of Piqua, Ohio, who
owns the cover and who has with
it a letter sent to him by a
young man from Piqua who
was with the Firestone company
in Liberia at the time that these
stamps were issued. We quote
from the letter, which is ample
evidence of the legitimacy of the
issue.

"Dear Loren:

"Enclosed is an envelope
bearing a Liberian Govern-
ment air mail stamp. This en-
velope was included in the
first Government air mail
service between Duside and
Cape Palmas Liberia. The
Firestone Waco plane was of
course the carrier, for there
are no other planes in the
country"

"Since the Government did
not have air mail stamps in
stock it was necessary for
them to manufacture a series
suitable for the occasion. If
you will inspect the stamp
carefully you will find the
words, AIR MAIL printed on
the face of the stamp."

"This stamp as you can
understand is a very rare
item even though its origin
is humble. You can rest as-
sured that no one in Piqua
can duplicate this stamp, and
I hope you enjoy receiving it
and showing it to other in-
terested stamp collectors."

Yours truly,

Bob.

The signature, "Bob," is that of
Robert Hilbert a young Piqua
boy who was with the Firestone
Company in Liberia at the time
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#716 to 739, 17 diff. 6.00

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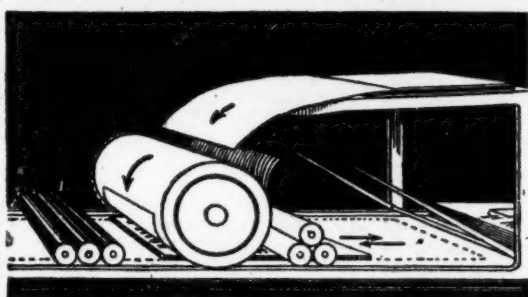
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represents a flat bed lithographic press. This is of course not the complete press but merely a diagram of its operating method. The large cylinder is that around which the paper is fed and which impresses it to the form or stone in the bed of the press which moves back and forth under the cylinder. The three white rollers are the water rollers and the three black rollers the ink rollers. Now if you can vision the stone moving from right to left and back again you will understand the method of operation for as it goes under the water rollers, water is applied, it then passes on and under the ink rollers. Then the stone moves back under the cylinder where the ink is impressed on to the paper and back under the water rollers where the entire process is again repeated.

The Pocket Pal says: Although an exact definition of the word lithography is "writing on stone," its general meaning is planographic printing, i. e., printing from a plane surface, one which is neither intaglio nor relief. This form of printing can be divided into three broad classifications—lithography, offset lithography, and photo-lithography.

Originally, lithography was done entirely from stones. Today, however, metal plates (zinc or aluminum) have largely supplanted lithographic stones.

In printing from stones the surface must be first "grained" or must have a naturally grainy or porous surface. The design to be reproduced must be first made upon the stone, in reverse, either by hand or photographically. The stone is then placed in the bed of the press. Here another principle is employed—water and grease will not mix. The design is "set" by covering it with a greasy substance—this substance will repel water but has a natural affinity for the greasy lithographic ink which is to be used. This is to cause the ink to adhere to the design and to be rejected by the blank part of the stone.

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There has been some question in the past as to just what could be done in the mailing of the Soldiers Free Franked letters. Pvt. William H. Robin who was a frequent contributor to this paper before he went into the service has solved the problem in some ways and sends us a Free Franked letter with a special delivery stamp on same and thus shows that special delivery service can apply to such mail. Mr. Robin however states that he is advised by the postmaster at his station that such letters can not be registered.

afterwards replaced by the engraved stamps.

The designs are practically identical and there is every reason to believe that such may have been the case. The lithographs can be plated in blocks of about ten, the differences are in the number tablets which were apparently transferred singly into the space for the numeral on ten different stamps and then transfers of this block of ten made to form a plate of 100 stamps. I may be incorrect as to the exact number, but believe that there are approximately ten different varieties of each of these lithographed stamps which may be identified by differences in the numeral tablet on most of the stamps.

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ORCHIDS TO L. B. GATCHELL

A whole basketful is due him for his splendid blast against those "Free French Richelieu" stamps that have been foisted on collectors. Mr. Gatchell appropriately heads his page, "Hello Suckers!" and with a by line to the effect that those words were immortalized by the late "Texas Guinan."



Geo. W. Linn

All who know of Texas Guinan know that she was a famous New York Night Club hostess who used those words as her nightly greeting to the suckers that came and blew their money at the joint.

New York has long been known as the greatest sucker market in the world, and it is quite appropriate that stamps such as those late Richelieu issues should spring up from that city. People who live off of and fatten on the sucker trade could not do so unless there were suckers. Thus it is not the fault of dealers who offered and sold these stamps. These men are mostly in the innocent bystander class, they have customers all over the country who clamor for anything and everything that is offered, those customers never look a gift horse in the mouth but raise a merry rumpus if their dealer does not offer them the junk when issued, so do not blame the dealers who offer these items.

The people to be blamed are the suckers who buy them. Always when such items appear in the market there is a question before the cataloguers as to whether they should or should not be catalogued. Buyers of the stamps will yell for catalog recognition and if they get it, fell satisfied. If not given, they still hang on with the firm belief that Scott is wrong.

It is a situation which can not be controlled under present standards. We do believe however that a great bit of good could be done our hobby if the catalogue publishers would adopt and lay down in advance some rule or yardstick for the listing and recognition of stamp issues. One can go through the catalog at any time and point out many stamps that are incorrectly listed and classified and this holds true for our own United States issues as well as for many of foreign countries. There has apparently been no set rule which the cataloguers follow but it would be a desirable situation if there were such a rule.

Last week we pointed out that one subscriber wanted us to start a crusade against reprints. We further pointed out that numerous of the United States stamps which are held and prized highly by collectors were nothing else but reprints. Some of them, if they had been issued by some small countries, before Jim Farleys regime would have been given a very black mark but since we recognized Farleys Follies we had to accept the same from Cuba and any other country now has an open invitation to rock collectors in the same manner.

For a brief review of our own sucker issues let us first consider the so called reissues of the 5c and 10c 1847 which previous to recent years were listed by Scott as Reprints, when as a matter of fact they were government imitations, made from new plates which are not identical with the originals. Scott now calls them "Reproductions". Then there are the issues known as "Special Printings". These are all Government Reprints. In recent years we have some other items that smell, possibly more than I can mention from memory but do not forget that the entire 20 stamps known as the Farleys are all reprints, made especially at the demand of collectors. Also if you know about it, the 10c Lindbergh Air Mail stamp was specially reprinted to have a supply for sale at the last big International Exhibition in New York and this at a time when our air mail letter rate was 6c and not 5c or 10c for double rate.

There may be more of such issues but we do not recall them. In the case of the latter mentioned stamp there is no way by which the reprint can be told from the original so that there is no possible distinction in listing it but in all the other items, the reprints can be told and if we want to get right down to actual facts we could have them listed as reprints and not as "Special Printings" as they are now shown. The word reprints would probably make them seem worse than they are yet we do not believe it would in any way affect the market on the material.

The whole point of this editorial is that we ought to be big enough to take it by having all stamps listed for what they are. We could then collect as we do now, collect what we wish and there would be no difference except that we would have the facts before us and new collectors would have the facts before them.

In issues such as these later Richelieu stamps, there should be some definite black mark listing applied, then let the collector use his own judgement. We believe that if the cataloguers would set down some standard for entry into catalogue listing of any and all stamps that there might be some lessening in demand for this questionable material when issued. It should be evident to any thinking person that stamps such as these are trash and their origin, their right to be recognized as stamps of any government is questionable and it is entirely possible that demand on the part of collectors of France, after this war may make the new French Government repudiate them entirely. If that were done, the suckers will hold the bag as they should.

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Mr. Ralph H. Wirt of Cookeville, Tenn., tells the publishers that his copy of the News usually reaches him each Saturday but that a copy of the July 15 issue of last summer has set a new record.

This copy did not arrive and Mr. Wirt wrote for another for he just could not get along without his Linn's. Now we have a letter from Mr. Wirt stating that on Saturday, January 15, the July issue which never reached him was delivered along with his other

er mail.

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There is as yet nothing definite concerning any new stamps to be issued this year altho there is every belief, judging from statements made by Postmaster General Walker that we can look forward to several new stamps before the year is closed.

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that would mean a new series of stamps in multiples of 8c, for our air mail service has grown to such a point that high values are necessary and we should expect a full set of several values.

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25c plus 15c—slate center and brown frame, portrait of Sir Rowland Hill.
1 Peso plus 50c—slate center and light green frame, landing of Columbus.

—H. G. Spanton

BRAZIL—Bulls Eye Air mails. The 1 and 2 Cruzeiros have appeared imperf in very limited quantities. I won't be surprised if the 5Cr. of this set and the Bulls Eye air mail sheets show up imperf.

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surcharges we have been receiving. Issue is a very pretty one. The stamps are all of the same design and are horizontal in format. A grouping of bales, barrels and loose produce are in the center. France Libre across the top in an arch over the Cross of Lorraine, with R. F. on the sides. Name of colony is on bottom. (see illustration.) Values and colors are: 5c brown, 10c blue, 25c bright green, 30c yellow-orange, 40c greenish-gray, 80c red-violet, brown violet, 1Fr. 50 carmine, 2Fr. slate, 2Fr. 50 deep blue, 4Fr. purple, 5Fr. Ochre, 10Fr. dark brown, and 20Fr. green.

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National Airlines, Inc., have recently been awarded a new route between Miami, Florida, and Key West, Florida. It can easily be assumed that this will be an extension of their route AM-31 (Jacksonville-Tampa-Miami), but I have not received anything definite about the route designation as yet. Neither have I received any information as to when the inaugural flights will take place.

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Western Airlines recently resumed service into San Diego, Calif., on AM-13. This means that it won't be long now before service is started into Palm Springs and El Centro on the same route. These two new flights were scheduled for January 1st but were postponed just before that date.

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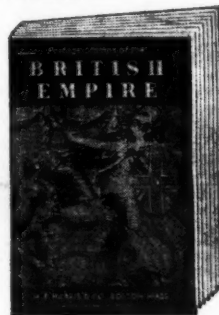
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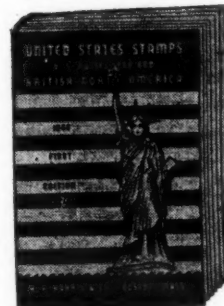
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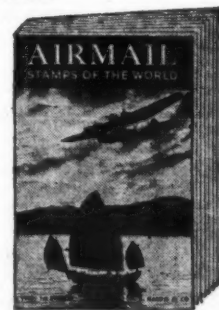
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*3c CHARTER OAK

The 300th anniversary of the settlement of Connecticut was observed by the issue of a new 3c stamp on April 26, 1935. It is a beautiful stamp showing the historic Charter Oak, and is being very highly commended as a philatelic gem.

Connecticut was claiming a separate existence under a Royal Charter. Governor Andros of New York had made repeated attempts to annex its western parts. In December, 1666, Andros had been commissioned by James II as Governor of all New England and landed at Boston. In October 1687, with a body guard of 60 soldiers, he marched on Hartford to demand the Charter. The Assembly was then in meeting and for hours a furious debate waged. As evening fell candles were brought in and lighted. Finally the Charter in its box was brought in but before it could be surrendered the candles were extinguished.

In the darkness Capt. Joseph Wadsworth seized the precious Charter, fled through a window, made his way to a hollow oak tree on the Wyllis estate and concealed the Charter in it. There it lay until James II was deposed the following year, Andros was imprisoned, when the

Charter was triumphantly produced and later declared valid by the British courts.

The Charter Oak was for many years Hartford's leading landmark. It attained a circumference of 25 feet near the ground and in 1856 was finally demolished during a storm.

The 3c—Charter Oak—appeared on April 26, 1935, in shades of purple and red lilac, rotary press, perf. 11, no wmk., and the first order was for 75,000,000 of the stamps. A second order for an additional 25,000,000 stamps was made, thus increasing the total printing to 100,000,000 stamps. Plates certified for use were 21391 to 21396, and on plate 21395 stamps with the crossmark on the "c" of the right hand "3c" have already been reported as defective.

Hartford, Conn., was the only first day city, and the stamp was

on sale at the Agency on May 27th. First day covers are reported as 217,890, and for the first time two publications sent out large amounts of advertising in these covers.

The Postoffice Department booklet on United States stamps gives the figures for stamps actually issued as 70,726,800 so we must presume that the above figure of 100 million is incorrect and that almost 30 million of the stamps were finally destroyed.

3c '61 Printed On Back, Not New Find As Announced By Klein

A letter from Mr. Eugene Klein of January 21st is not wholly clear in the statements it makes but we gather from the same that the recent report of the 3c 1861 printed on back, as a new find is incorrect.

It appears that Mr. Y. Souren of New York was the only one to correct the statement made by Mr. Klein as it appears that this stamp, printed on back, was announced in 1940, but by whom, the Klein letter does not state.

It appears that Scott neglected to list this variety, hence the belief by Mr. Klein that his find was a new one.

The Klein auction catalogue pictures the piece found by Mr.

Klein and it is definitely a printed on back and not an offset variety as sometimes referred to as being printed on the back.

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